MINUTES OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD OF NEBRASKA.

The Twentieth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska met on Tuesday, October 9th, 1900, at 8.30 P. M., in the Salem Lutheran Church, Ponca, Neb., Rev. W. A. Lipe, Pastor.

The Convention was opened by the President, Mrs. H. J. Penfold.

The choir rendered the anthem, "Jesus Shall Reign."

The pastor read for a Scripture lesson Psalm ii.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. G. Scholl.

After singing, "Throw Out the Life-line," Mrs. Selin Mattison, of Ponca, presented the formal greetings, welcoming the delegates very cordially, speaking very beautifully of the work in which we are engaged.

Mrs. S. S. Riegle, of Omaha, responded with fitting words.

Miss Lena Bittenbender sang a solo, "I Need Thee."

The President then gave her Annual Address.

President's Address.

My Dear Co-workers: I am expected to give you an address on Mission Work, that will put before you all that is new that has arisen in the past year, and tell you something to stimulate you to greater zeal for the future. I feel strongly my inability to do what is required of me. I have asked God in prayer to put into my heart and mind what I should say to you. When one asks of another, "Are you interested in missions?" usually the answer is Home, but not Foreign. Now, if we read the Bible aright, where can we draw the line? Where is Home and where is Foreign? True, we of this part of the world call the other part foreign, and they of the other part call us foreign. There was a time when that was true, but it seems to me that time is past; the whole world is so closely allied that what harms one part of it harms all, and what helps one part helps all others. What I wish to ask is, does not the whole world belong to God, and are not we all His children? Please tell me, then, how can a part be foreign? When we reach the better world shall we not all be as one family? And it matters not where my brother or sister is, are they not my brother or sister still? Am I not called upon to do all I can for them wherever they may be? One should not be discouraged if they do not see results, for sometimes where we expect them they do not come, and where least expected come forth praising and acknowledging Christ; where we thought we had sowed much little was reaped, and where the soil appeared a desert waste much has blossomed forth. We must remember whoever sows and waters, it is God who gives the increase.

There is a vast work to be done. I would urge you to consecrate your ability, to be looking for opportunity, and, let me tell you, you will find them all along the way. Do whatever your hands finds to do, and do it now. The three objects we have to work for is, *first*, to finish the promise to Scranton Mission; *second*, is the fund for the sending out new missionaries to India and Africa; *third*, is the appeal to assist the Mission at Riverside, California, in erecting a church building.

We all know how worthy is the second object—the sending of Missionaries to India and Africa. Let each one do all that she can, even to self-sacrifice. I believe we can each one of us do more for His cause in the future than ever before. My sisters, just ask God to help you to give of your time, money, and prayers. If you pray that God will give you more of the missionary spirit, He will do so, but you must earnestly and sincerely believe in what you pray for. There is no limit to the work—it demands time, patience, and strength, and the outcome must be glorious. In His name go forth. It may be little, it may be much that you shall do, but rest assured if in His name ye do it, it will be blessed.

ELLA F. PENFOLD.

Mrs. W. Mikesell sang the solo, "Now the Day is Over."

Offering $2.05.

Rev. Lipe pronounced the benediction.

The delegates and congregation were then invited into the Sunday school room, where the ladies of the church served refreshments, and gave us an opportunity to greet old friends and meet the new ones.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

One-half hour was spent in devotional service. Subject, "Promises," led by Mrs. J. D. Kautz, of Ponca.

The business of Convention was begun with the President in the chair.

Reading and adoption of minutes of previous session.

At the reception of delegates the following roll was formed:

President—Mrs. H. J. Penfold.

Recording Secretary—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Rieglé.

Historian—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Dakota City—Mrs. Georgia Jay, Mrs. L. A. Hart.

Beatrice—Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

Omaha—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Ponca—Mrs. A. G. Kingsbury, Mrs. E. B. Campbell.

Tekamah—Mrs. M. Willert, Mrs. G. A Crannell.

Pastor—Rev. W. A. Lipe.

Visitors.

Mrs. S. M. Lesher, Dakota City.

Dr. George Scholl, Baltimore, Md.

Rev. S. M. Lesher, Dakota City.

Mrs. J. D. Kautz, Ponca.

The President appointed the following committees:

Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report—Mrs. A. G. Kingsbury, Mrs. G. A. Crannell.

Officers' and Standing Committees' Reports—Mrs. J. D. Kautz, Mrs. Georgia Jay.

Letters and Papers—Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Mrs. Georgia Jay.

Last Year's Minutes—Mrs. S. M. Lesher, Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Treasurer's Report—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, Mrs. E. B. Campbell.

Resolutions—Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Mrs. L. A. Hart.
Nominations—Mrs. M. Willet, Mrs. J. D. Kautz.
Reports for Church Papers—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.
Reports for Town Papers—Rev. W. A. Lipe.
Organist—Mrs. A. G. Kingsbury.

The Reports of the Officers.

The Report of the Executive Committee was read by the Secretary.

Report of Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee held two meetings within the year—the first being held at the close of the Convention at Lincoln, October 12th, 1899; all of the members present.

All the bills presented were ordered paid.

The money received by collection at Convention was divided, $2.75 being given to Girls' school in Africa and $5 to Synodical Fund.

Miss Haase was appointed to write a report of Convention for church papers.

The second meeting was held in Omaha, at home of President, August 14th, 1900, four members being present.

The different members gave reports of the work. The Treasurer reported $13.50 in Synodical Fee Fund.

The subject of printing the 1897, 1898, and 1899 Minutes was thoughtfully discussed. The President reported that one publishing house would print 250 copies of proceedings of these three years for $65, or 500 copies for $70. Having but $13.50 on hand, the committee did not feel like taxing the Auxiliaries for the required amount; but wished to do the pleasure of the Auxiliaries. The Secretary was asked to write to each Society, asking for a special offering for this work. If the amount was thus pledged, the Minutes to be printed immediately; if not, the matter would be left until Convention.

This amount has not been pledged, hence the Minutes have not been printed

Plans for the Twentieth Annual Convention were made and programme arranged.

We deplored the fact that there were only eleven active Auxiliaries in our State, and talked of ways to interest others in this work.

We hope for increase of interest in the Woman's Missionary Work from the visit of our delegate to Synod.

We missed the helpful presence and counsel of our Vice-President, Mrs. Crounse, who removed from the State in June.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE,
Recording Secretary.

The report was accepted.

The Treasurer, Mrs. S. S. Riegle, presented her report.

Treasurer's Report for 1899 and 1900.

SOCIETY.	General Fund.	Synodical Fee.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Thank-Offering.	Girl in Africa.	Girl in India.	Miss Van Leer.	School in India.	Sustaining Members.	Printing Minutes.	Totals.
Balance	.....	$17 37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$17 37
Collection at Convention	.....	6 66	.....	.....	.....	$2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 41
Beatrice	$8 35	40	$5 00	$2 05	$11 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	$4 00	.....	31 37
Dakota City	20 50	3 00	5 00	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	40 50
Dakota City Mission Band	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2 13	.....	.....	.....	2 13
Dakota City C. E. Mission Band	15	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	67
Lincoln	16 50	1 50	25	.....	5 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 41
Omaha	6 50	1 00	.....	.....	50	.....	$18 75	.....	.....	1 00	.....	27 75
Pawnee City	.....	1 00	5 25	3 75	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 50
Ponca	30 31	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 31
Rising	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Roca	11 55	1 00	3 50	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$2 00	20 80
Stella	13 90	50	2 00	.....	7 00	1 00	.....	.....	$1 00	.....	.....	25 40
Tekamah	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Tekamah Mission Band	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80
West Point	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 60
Yutan	19 35	3 30	.....	.....	6 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	34 25
Totals	$141 01	$35 80	$21 00	$5 80	$54 58	$5 25	$18 75	$2 58	$1 00	$6 00	$7 00	$298 77

Treasurer's Report.—*Concluded.*

1899.	DISBURSEMENTS.		
Oct. 12.	Mrs. Koch, Expenses	$2 83	
Oct. 12.	Mrs. Crounse, Expenses	2 65	
Oct. 12.	Mrs. Easterday, Expenses	92	
Oct. 12.	Mrs. Bond, Expenses	5 00	
Oct. 12.	Miss Haase, Expenses	6 45	
Oct. 12.	Mrs. Koch, Secretary's Book	40	
Dec. 29.	Mrs. A. V. Hamma, General Treasurer	94 69	
1900.			
Mch. 26.	Mrs. A. V. Hamma, General Treasurer	76 66	
June 26.	Mrs. A. V. Hamma, General Treasurer	24 66	
Sept. 26.	Mrs. A. V. Hamma, General Treasurer	53 96	
			$268 22
			$30 55

MRS. S. S. RIEGLE, *Treasurer.*

The report was received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Report of the Historian was given.

Historian's Report.

I have added to the Historian's Collection during the past year all the following issues complete: *The Lutheran Missionary Journal*, *The Children's Missionary*, *Mission Studies*, and the *Monthly Tracts*.

I would recommend that a copy of the Minutes of the Conventions of 1897, 1898, and 1899 be made in typewriting for the Historian's Collection, and the cost not to exceed seven dollars.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Report was accepted and referred to committee.

Motion was passed to make all present visitors delegates, with all privileges, except voting on election of officers.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary was read by Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Tabulated Statement of Corresponding Secretary for Year Ending August 31st, 1900.

Name of Society.	Name of Corresponding Secretary.	Organized.	Quarters Reported.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Life Members.	Journals Taken.	Meetings Held.	Amount Sent to Synodical Treasury.
Beatrice	Mrs. Jennie Starn	1892	1, 2, 3, 4	20	.....	.....	18	12	$31 37
Dakota City	Miss Elizabeth Haase	1891	1, 2, 4	18	4	.....	20	12	21 35
Lincoln	Mrs. L. P. Ludden	1890	1, 2, 3, 4	16	4	.....	13	12	24 41
Omaha	Mrs. N. G. Allen	1886	1, 2,	10	.....	2	10	10	17 50
Ponca	Mrs. W. F. Robinson	*1880	1, 2, 3, 4	20	.....	.....	14	12	40 31
Pawnee City	Mrs. Marie Stucke	1893	1, 2, 3,	7	.....	.....	.....	9	9 00
Roca	Miss Emma Stine	.....	1,	6	.....	.....	6	3	5 80
Stella	Miss Maud Montgomery	.....	1, 2, 3, 4	13	.....	.....	11	12	25 40
Tekamah	Mrs. Estella Wood	1880	1, 2, 3, 4	9	.....	.....	9	12	10 00
Yutan	Mrs. F. F. Moutfort	1883	1, 2, 3, 4	20	6	.....	5	11	34 25
Mission Bands.									
Dakota City	Miss Rubye Vande Zedde	.....	1, 2, 3, 4	26	.....	.....	†20	48	2 58
Tekamah	Miss Mabel Wood	1892	1, 2,	15	.....	.....	†18	12	1 25
				180	14	2	144	165	$223 22

* Reorganized. † Children's Missionary.

Mrs. ALLEN KOCH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Report accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Delegate to Synod.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Ponca, Neb.:

Your delegate to the Nebraska Synod, held at Pawnee City, was introduced to this honorable body on the 28th of September, and on the following forenoon presented the work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

All the pastors were very much interested in having the woman's work presented to them, and they regretted that they had not had sufficient information concerning the work, owing to the fact that the Minutes of the Conventions had not been printed the past three years, and, also, that the work had been neglected by them.

Some of the pastors made faithful promises that they would organize and build up their Auxiliaries. It certainly seemed to awaken in them the responsibility to assist the women as much as possible.

Therefore, a motion was unanimously carried to have *this* year's Minutes printed with the Minutes of Synod, free of charge; these minutes to be ready not later than one week after the Convention closes, and send them direct to The Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia. At the same time notify the Secretary of the Nebraska Synod, Rev. R. A. White, of Waverly, in case the Convention accepts their generous offer.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Report accepted and referred to committee.

Convention adjourned for committee work by singing "Saviour, more than life to me," and benediction by Rev. Lipe.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Convention opened by reading alternately the 66th Psalm.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Lipe.

Roll call.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

"Blessed Assurance" was sung.

Encouraging reports were given by the delegates present.

It was regretted that so few Societies were represented, and that only one Auxiliary, not having a delegate present, sent a written report of their Society.

Remarks were made by Rev. Lipe and Dr. Scholl about the interest the pastor should take in our Societies.

The Report of the Literature Committee was read by the Secretary.

Report of Literature Committee.

Your Committee on Literature would report that during the past year literature has been sent regularly to the following Societies: Dakota City, Ponca, Yutan, Beatrice, Tekamah, Lincoln, Stella, Omaha.

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee they decided to send to congregations where we have no Societies the tracts and literature in the hands of the committee. Accordingly I mailed to the several pastors such tracts, accompanied with a letter of explanation, asking them to distribute the same among the women of their churches.

We have had no response from them, and hence do not know how far the request has been complied with.

Thank-offering envelopes for this year's offering have been forwarded to all the Societies.

The financial exhibit of the committee is as follows:

The following Societies paid—

Dakota City	$0 50
Ponca	50
Yutan	50
Beatrice	50
Lincoln	50
Stella	50
Total received	$3 00

Expenses have been as follows:

Postage	$1 36
To Mrs. Carr for Tracts	1 11
Stationery	20
Account Book	50
Total	$3 17
Balance due the committee	17

December 30th Mrs. Carr sent me a statement showing that we owed her department, December 30th, $1.11; that Mrs. Koch, my predecessor, had forwarded to her 80 cents to be applied on account. With my remittance of $1.11 and Mrs. Koch's 80 cents, our bill was paid in full to June 30th, 1900.

We owe for Tracts received since July 1st.

The General Literature Committee will send their bill at the close of the year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. L. P. LUDDEN.

Report was accepted and referred to committee.

For the election of delegates to General Convention the following were nominated: Miss Haase, Mesdames Penfold, Riegle, Mostert, Willert.

Result, Miss Haase was elected as delegate and Mrs. Penfold as alternate.

"More Love to Thee, O Christ," was sung.

Mrs. S. M. Lesher read an interesting paper on

Our Young Women—How to Interest and Bring Them into Our Societies.

Did it ever occur to you what a potent factor are young women in the life of any church?

For example, take the one in whose midst we are. Who else would play the organ, lead the singing, or fill the various offices in the Sunday school? Could there be a Christian Endeavor Society without them? Is there one anywhere? In short, who is more influential in any church or community than are its young women with their bright, winsome ways and gentle graces. Instinctively young and all do homage to their lovely charms and cheerfully respond to their requests.

Their energetic, wide-awake way of doing things brings success in whatever they undertake.

At no other time in life do they have such a combination of time, strength, and personal influence at their disposal for doing good in the world.

While we may deplore the reckless wasting of these gifts by some, it is well to contemplate the large number of Christian young women of to-day scattering sunshine in the home, animating the Church, and purifying and uplifting society. Oh, that the army of Christian young men were equally as large and as active! How great the change would be.

We find our young women interested in various Bands, Guilds, and Societies, in some of which missionary topics are discussed and work done. The Young Woman's Christian Association has been especially successful in arousing the young women of our colleges to missionary activity.

We have a number of missionaries and deaconesses, it is true, but the number and the funds are comparatively small.

We want our young women, with all their coveted powers, to be of active service in our Missionary Societies, and this afternoon we would counsel together about the matter. We feel that we do not have the benefit of our share of their talents. We will soon look to them to carry on the work that has been started.

How shall we interest them when there are so many attractive organizations claiming their time, contributions, energies?

Are we? If not, can we be equally attractive? We would present as our

strongest plea to them the great cause and its pressing needs. We must use it to arouse their ready sympathies.

A personal talk will reach one, a tract or other literature on the subject will interest another, an invitation to attend the monthly meeting may help another.

An entertaining and instructive public meeting, in which they are asked to take some complimentary part, may do much to stamp out prejudice—strange that any should exist!—and arouse an interest not only among the young women, but in the congregation.

If we win our young women and hold them, we must give them something to do and keep them active.

With the educational training of to-day they are fitted to fill any office, to take any place on the programme, or to act on the various committees. Their fingers are deft in needlework, useful and ornamental. All these gifts are of valued service in our work, and we should plan to use them.

In our eagerness to win the young sisters, however, we would not crowd out the older workers—we need *all*—there is a place for each to fill. Your presence in the meetings means much—more than you think. No difference how timid or how frail, your presence is helpful if you are interested in the work—no one else can fill *your* place.

We do not venture to recommend a separate organization for the young women—we were to talk about how to bring them into *our* Society—but the most effective missionary work we have seen done by young women was as a Young Ladies' Mission Band. We would like to hear more about this feature in the discussion that is to follow.

That young women can work in our Woman's Society as it is, we all know from the valued service some of our young women are giving us. They are the life and force in some of our Societies.

Young women of Ponca, we beg of you to interest yourselves in your Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, find out what you can do for it—enlist as workers, and thereby bring a blessing on yourselves, the Society, and also advance the cause of Christ.

The general discussion which followed was quite interesting and profitable.

The Secretary read a letter from *The Children's Missionary*, Miss Laura Wade Rice, and one from Rev. R. A. White, Secretary of Synod, stating the offer of Synod to print our Minutes with those of Synod.

Motion passed to accept the kind offer of Synod to print our Minutes. Thanks were to be conveyed to them.

Closed by singing, "What a Wonderful Saviour."

WEDNESDAY, 8 P. M.

The evening service opened by the use of the opening service in Book of Worship and an anthem by the choir.

Mrs. L. A. Hart read from the ninth and tenth chapters of St. Luke.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. G. A. Crannell.

Mrs. Munsen and Mrs. Auge favored us with a duet.

Dr. George Scholl, the General Secretary of Foreign Missions, gave the address of the evening. Speaking on Foreign Missions, he took as his theme "The Power of God." His address was very instructive, and those present were filled with a greater desire to do more for the enlargement of the Master's kingdom.

Mr. W. F. Mikesell and Mrs. William Auge sang as a duet, "Rock of Ages."

Offering $4.23.

Rev. Lipe pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. M. A. Mostert, who took as her subject "Faith," reading first chapter of James.

Convention opened with roll call.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

Hymn, "From every stormy wind that blows," was sung.

Report of Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report.

We, your Committee on President's Address and Corresponding Secretary's Report, would submit the following:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1. Your committee congratulates the President on her faithful and efficient services the past year.

2. We commend the suggestion, that the spirit of true benevolence is not confined to localities, but is as broad as the Saviour's command, "Go ye into all the world."

3. We are pleased to note the encouraging outlook of the work in the Synodical field, and pledge ourselves as a society to sustain all parts of the work with greater zeal than in the past.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We find the Corresponding Secretary's Report inaccurate.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. IDA J. KINGSBURY,
MRS. G. A. CRANNELL.

Report accepted.

The motion passed that the Report of the Corresponding Secretary be placed on record as corrected.

Rev. S. M. Lesher, of Dakota City, a delegate from Synod, was introduced.

He conveyed the greetings and fraternal interest of the Nebraska Synod to the Convention. He also suggested that the Woman's Convention should meet at the same time and place of Synod.

The President expressed our pleasure in having Rev. S. M. Lesher, the delegate from Synod, with us, and thanked him for his kind greetings and words of interest from Synod.

The subject of meeting at the same time as Synod was discussed. The President accepted the kind offer of Rev. S. M. Lesher to correspond with the pastor of West Point, the next place of meeting of Synod, about inviting the Woman's Convention to meet in their city.

Report of Committee on Officers' and Standing Committees' Reports.

1. Historian's Report approved, and we would recommend that her suggestions in regard to having the Minutes of the Conventions of 1897, 1898, and 1899 typewritten for the Historian's Collection be acted upon.

2. Report of Delegate to Synod approved. We recommend that the pastor's kind offer to print the Minutes of Missionary Society of this year with the Minutes of Synod be acted upon.

3. Report of Executive Committee approved. We also recommend that the question of printing the Minutes for the three years be discussed and acted upon.

4. Report of Committee on Literature approved. We could not find any question we considered necessary the Convention should act upon.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. D. KAUTZ,
MRS. G. JAY.

The report was accepted.

This report was then taken up item by item, discussed, and motion passed that we do not have the Minutes of 1897, 1898, and 1899 printed, except copies typewritten for the Historian's file.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers submits the following:

We have read Miss Rice's letter, and would recommend that all the Sunday schools of the Nebraska churches take *The Children's Missionary*.

We would recommend that the paper read by Mrs. Lesher before the Convention be printed in the minutes. We consider it would be helpful to all of the Societies.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. S. RIEGLE,
MRS. GEORGIA JAY.

Report was received.

This report was taken up item by item, and recommendations adopted.

Report was adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Last Year's Minutes.

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Convention has examined the same and find them correct.

Respectfully submittted, MRS. S. M. LESHER,
MRS. S. S. RIEGLE.

Report was adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

We have examined the Report of the Treasurer and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE,
MRS. E. B. CAMPBELL.

Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Your Committee on Nominations, after careful thought, offers the following names for your consideration, and recommends that the Convention nominate a second set of names:

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase, Dakota City.
Vice-President—Mrs. H. J. Penfold, Omaha.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia Bender, Yutan.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Omaha.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. WILLERT,
MRS. KAUTZ.

Report was accepted.

Mrs. L. P. Ludden was nominated for President by the Convention.

The balloting resulted in the election of Miss Haase.

For Secretary, Mrs. G. Jay and Mrs. M. C. Jay were nominated by the Convention.

Mrs. M. C. Jay was elected.

Motion passed that with the change of nominee for Secretary, the report of Nominating Committee be adopted.

The officers elected for coming year are:

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Vice-President—Mrs. H. J. Penfold.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. M. C. Jay.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia Bender.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Bills containing the following items were read:

Traveling expenses of Executive Committee	$9 60
Programmes	2 00
Executive Committee Record Book	25
Miss Haase, postage	1 00
Mrs. Riegle, postage and stationery	2 50
Mrs. Koch, postage and envelopes	1 54
Total	$16 89

Motion passed that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for all bills, except that of Mrs. Koch, which she had kindly receipted.

Tekamah invited the Convention to meet with them next year.

Motion passed that the time and place of next meeting be left in hands of the Executive Committee.

As the Minutes for which the Treasurer received special money for printing are not to be printed, the money in the hands of the Treasurer for that purpose will be credited as those Societies who paid the same may desire.

The Treasurer stated that, after deducting the amount required to pay all bills, there is in Synodical Fee Fund, $7.95.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee would submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we give thanks to our all-wise and loving Father, who has kept us and who we trust has guided us, that we may see our way more clearly and may know and do His will.

2. *Resolved*, That we regret the absence of delegates from a number of our Auxiliaries, to meet with us, at this Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation to Dr. Scholl for the address given by him on Foreign Missions.

4. *Resolved*, That we extend to Salem Church, its pastor, Rev. W. A. Lipe, also the ladies of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, our due appreciation of their kindness and hospitality at their Christian homes, and the music rendered so faultlessly by the choir, especially the solos and duets.

5. *Resolved*, That we give a vote of thanks to the Synod for their kind offer to print our Minutes with theirs.

6. *Resolved*, That, while we realize from the reports that the work of the past year has not been all that it should be, owing to circumstances beyond our control, yet, in view of the great work to be done for the Master, we most earnestly pray for His Holy Spirit to guide us in all our labors, that the blessing of God will press us forward to better work in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. A. MOSTERT,
MRS. L. A. HART.

This report was adopted by a rising vote.

There being no other business before the Convention, the minutes of this session were read and approved.

The minutes as a whole were formally adopted.

A short but impressive Farewell Service was conducted by the retiring President, Mrs. H. J. Penfold.

After a season of silence, Mrs. Penfold led in prayer.

Remarks were made.

Thanks to the retiring President were given by a rising vote.

This service closed with prayer by Mrs. Riegle.

Mrs. Penfold then gave her chair and trust to the newly-elected President, Miss Haase.

Miss Haase accepted the office with reluctance, but said that, inasmuch as it seemed the will of the Convention, with the help of our Father and the members of our Societies, she would try to attend to the duties imposed upon her to the best of her ability.

The President then appointed Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Beatrice, as Historian, and Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln, as Chairman of Literature, for the coming year.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. A. Lipe.

The President then declared this Twentieth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska adjourned *sine die*.

ELIZABETH S. HAASE,
Recording Secretary.

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